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SUBJECT: EXTERIOR SECURITY LIGHTING

1. POST IS AWARE THAT ATTENTION TO PHYSICAL SECURITY OF
USG EMPLOYEES OVERSEAS CONTINUES TO BE SUBJECT OF DEPARTMENT'S
CONCERN.
2. KINGSTON, A CITY WITH AN ALARMINGLY HIGH RATE OF CRIME
WHICH VERY OFTEN INCLUDES PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE VICTIMS, IS GENERALLY SPEAKING, POORLY
LIGHTED. EVEN IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS WHICH WOULD BE
CONSIDERED "GOOD" NEIGHBORHOODS, IT IS NOT UNCOMMON THAT
THERE ARE DISTANCES OF 100 TO 200 YARDS BETWEEN MINIMALLY
EFFECTIVE STREETS LIGHTS. IT IS SAGE TO SAY THAT UNLESS OWNERS
OR RENTERS TAKE SPECIFIC MEASURES, ALMOST EVERY PRIVATE
RESIDENCE IN KINGSTON IS DANGEROUSLY SURROUNDED AT NIGHTTIME
BY LARGE PATCHES OF DARKNESS WHICH CAN AFFORD RELATIVE IMMUNITY
FROM DISCOVERY FOR KINGSTON'S CRIMINAL ELEMENT.
3. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT SPECIAL EFFORTS TO MAXIMIZE
THAT ASPECT OF EMPLOYEE SECURITY HAVE BEEN INSTITUTED AT OTHER
POSTS. IN AT LEAST ONE LAC POST, EXTERIOR LIGHTING AND
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ALLOWANCE FOR THE COST OF USE OF SECURITY LIGHTING HAS BEEN
FINANCED BY AID, IF NOT BY OTHER AGENCIES OF USG.

4. WE BELIEVE SUCH A DETERENT TO THE HIGH LEVEL OF
NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME AGAINST PERSONS IN THEIR HOMES IS
FULLY WARRANTED NOT ONLY FOR THE OUTRIGHT PHYSICAL SECURITY
INVOLVED BUT AS A MEANS OF MUTING THE INCREASINGLY EROSIVE

CONCERNS THAT USG EMPLOYEES IN KINGSTON HAVE ABOUT
PERSONAL SECURITY.

5. POST BELIEVES THAT WE MUST DEAL WITH THIS PROBLEM SIMILARLY
AMONG ALL AGENCIES. WE REQUEST ADVICE BY SY AS TO DEGREE THAT
STATE, ICA AND AID CAN SUPPORT OUR INTEREST IN THIS SAFEGUARD
PROCEDURE.

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